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SUBJ: US TRADE ACT AND BUENOS AIRES MFM

REF: MVD 0096 (NOTAL)

1. VENEZUELAN EMBASSY HERE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A DR.GONZALEZ (FNU) WILL ARRIVE IN MONEVIDEO TODAY (JAN10) WITH LETTER FOR PRESIDENT BORDABERRY FROM THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT. ANNOUNCEMENT SAID DR. GONZALEZ HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN BRAZIL AND WILL BE GOING ON TO BUENOS AIRES WITH AME OR SIMILAR LETTERS. WHILE THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS NOT SPECIFIED IT IS ASSUMED TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO GATHER SUPPORT FOR VENEZUELAN POSITION ON US TRADE ACT AND BUENOS AIRES MFM.

2. GOU FORMIN BLANCO RESTATED POSITION REPORTED REFTTEL ON THE NEW TRADE ACT. AS PARAPHRASED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS HE SAID
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"URUGUAY CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL TO DISCUSS THE US TRADE BILL IN

CONTINENTAL SPHERES AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE REGION, AND THE IDEAL FORUM FOR THIS IS THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH WILL BE HELD IN BUENOS AIRES." AS TO THE CONSEQUENCES FOR URUGUAY OF THE LAW, THE MINISTER SAID THESE CONTINUED TO BE STUDIED. "IT MAY HAVE BOTH NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE ASPECTS, OR EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER."

3. GOU FOROFFICE HAS ASKED FOR FULL TEXT, SPANISH TRANSLATION PREFERRED, OF LAW ASAP. IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH TEMBASSY, SUB-DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN COMMERCE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT URUGUAY'S DETAILED CONSIDERATION WOULD NECESSARILY INVOLVE SEVERAL PERSPECTIVES, AS FOLLOWS:

A) URUGUAY'S PARTICULAR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS AS AFFECTED BY LAW. IN THIS CONNECTION HE NOTED MANDATORY EXCLUSION OF FOOTWEAR FROM GSP AS IMPORTANT DRAWBACK;
B) HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS AND URUGUAY'S INTEREST IN HARMONIOUS INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM;
C) LA SOLIDARITY. HE NOTED VENEZUELAN INVOCATION OF LA SOLIDARITY AS A SELF-SERVING GESTURE BELYING THE TRUE SITUATION;
D) BILATERAL US-URUGUAY RELATIONS;
E) EFFECT OF URUGUAYAN POSITION ON POTENTIAL SOURCES OF HELP WITH BOP SITUATION HERE (COMMENT: READ VENEZUELAN OIL MONEY FOR THIS.)

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